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1. SUMMARY. GOVERNING BODY (GB) PLENARY POLITICAL DEBATE DOMIN
BY REQUEST OF PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) FOR OBSERVER
STATUS, AND BY DISCUSSION OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO JUNE
1974 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISREAL FOR ALLEGED DISCRIMINA-
TORY PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. PLO ISSUE WAS DEFERRED TO
195TH GB SESSION IN FEBRUARY 1975, AND ACTION ON ANTI-ISRAEL
RESOLUTION TOOK TRADITIONAL, LOW-KEY ILO PATTERN OF CIRCULATING
DOCUMENTS AND NON-SPECIFIC ACTION. ACTION ON PROGRAM, FINANCIAL
AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTED REF A. END SUMMARY.

2. PLO: ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF OFFICERS OF GB SIMPLY TO REFER ISSUE
TO 195TH GB WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION WAS REJECTEE. ARAB AND COMMUNIST
SPOKESMEN SPENT MOST OF ONE MORNING SESSION CALLING ON GB TO
TAKE ACTION TO GRANT PLO OBSERVER STATUS IMMEDIATELY. LATIN
AMERICANS, AFRICANS, WEOS, AND USDEL REMAINED SILENT EXCEPT
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TO RAISE MINOR PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. DURING LUNCH BREAK,

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COMPROMISE WAS PROPOSED CALLING FOR GB OFFICERS TO REFER PLO REQUEST TO 19TH GB WITH SPECIFIC REQUEST TO PROPOSE CHANGES IN STANDING ORDERS THAT WOULD PERMIT GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO LIBERATION GROUPS RECOGNIZED BY "INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS." THIS ACTION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. USDEL STATED INABILITY TO TAKE POSITION ON SUBSTANCE OF PLO REQUEST, OWING TO LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS, AND REMAINED SILENT WHEN COMPROMISE WAS ADOPTED.

3. ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION. ISRAEL OFFER TO ACCEPT ILO-APPOINTED EXPERT TO INVESTIAGE CONDITIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES DID NOT SATISFY ARAB MEMBERS, AND THE PROPOSAL WAS IGNORED. DAHOMEY GOVREP PROPOSED DIRECTOR GENERAL TAKE ACTION SIMILAR TO THAT TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE IN 1973 CONDEMNING PORTUGAL FOR REPRESSION OF INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS IN AFRICAN TERRITORIES. GB FINALLY ADOPTED AN INSTRUCTION TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT HE:
A. TRANSMIT TEXT OF 1974 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.
B. INSURE WIDEST DISTRIBUTION OF ILO DOCUMENTS ON HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS (PART OF COMPROMISE ARISING OUT OF DEBATE WAS DELIBERATE NON-NAMING OF TERRITORIES WHERE DOCUMENTS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED).
C. SUBMIT TO GB AT FEB 1975 SESSION A REPORT AND PROPOSALS AS TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1974 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.
D. KEEP THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE INFORMED OF MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT 1974 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION.
GB ADOPTED THIS INSTRUCTION BY CONSENSUS.

4. "WORLD" CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT. GB AGREED TO SPEND $250,000 FOR PREPARATORY WORK FOR "WORLD" CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT, BUT DID NOT DECIDE WHETHER SUCH CONFERENCE WOULD BE A SEPARATE MEETING OR WOULD BE INCLUDED IN REGULAR SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE. MEXICAN GOVREP PROPOSED THAT (IF CONFERENCE IS SEPARATE MEETING) IT BE HELD IN MEXICO. DG CLEARLY STATED THIS WOULD BE AN ILO MEETING, NOT ANOTHER WORLD CONFERENCE A LA ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION, ETC.

5. NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. DIRECTOR GENERAL SAID ILO PROGRAM ALREADY DOING WHAT LDCS HAVE INDICATED THEY WANT; THERE-
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FOREN ILO WOULD KEEP ON WITH PRESENT STYLE OF PROGRAM. NO ACTION TAKEN.

6. EXPANSION OF GOVERNING BODY. CONSITIUTIONAL AMENDMENT EXPANDING GB FROM 48 TO 56 TITULAR MEMBERS CAME INTO FORCE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER 1974. GB AGREED TO RECOMMENT CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN DEPUTY MEMBERS. ELECTION OF NEW, EXPANED GB WILL TAKE PLACE AT JUNE 1975 INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE.

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TITULAR AND DEPUTY MEMBERS OF GB WILL THEREAFTER TOTAL 102,
ALL OF WHOM WILL HAVE RIGHT TO SPEAK. SINCE VITUALLY ALL
GB DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY CONSENSUS, WHICH REFLECTS VOLUME
AND NUMBER OF SPEAKERS, DEPUTY MEMBERS HAVE AS MUCH DE FACTO
INFLUENCE AS TITULAR MEMBERS. WITH 102 ESSENTIALLY EQUAL
MEMBERS, GB SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPRESENT ALL INTERESTS IN THE
ILO MEMBERSHIP.

7. THIS WAS FINAL GB SESSION IN OLD ILO BUILDING. FEBRUARY
1975 SESSION WILL BE HELD IN NEW HEADQUARTERS, WHICH WAS
FORMALLY OPENED BY PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND AND OTHER DIGNATARIES
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